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An Information Periodical For DISC Employees

Retirements

In March we said goodbye to three longtime members of DISC. Many employees knew them for several years, and for some of us our entire time in DISC.

Elna Ensley was the Executive Secretary to the Director. If anyone needed historical information about DISC, she had a file about it in her cabinet. Elna served the State of Kansas for 46 1/2 years, and 21 years in DISC.

Joe Wishall was a Programmer Manager in BDAS. Joe was responsible for hiring many of the programmers in BDAS. Joe had 25 years of state government service.

Duane Huizenga was a supervisor in the Bureau of Information Systems Technical Support section. Duane served DISC and the state for 20 years.

They will all be missed, but

we can congratulate them for serving our great state for all those years and wish them well in their future.

Page three of this issue is an article about Elna and her background. Regretfully we do not have similar articles about Joe and Duane.



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EMPLOYEE INFO

March Birthdays



Stuart McClelland

John Lundin

Cathy Jones

Judy Shepherd

David Willoughby

Janet Starnes

Loren Westerdale

Cathy Nicoletti

Michael Meyer

Diana Jackson

Laura Browne

Francis Finley

Cathy Long

Michael Rosencutter

DEATHS

Alicia Etzel's Grandmother

Larry Caldwell's Uncle

*Please accept our
deepest condolences
for you losses.*



ELNA By: Cheryl Price

We are all going to miss Elna Ensley, since she retired this month. We just couldn't let her go without asking a few questions about her service in DISC. While Elna said she doesn't do interviews, she did agree to a question and answer format.

1. How long have you worked for the State? In which agency did you begin your State service?

I started working for the State 46 1/2 years ago. I started at K-State for almost 5 years. After a short time off, I worked 5 years during the Legislative sessions, then some parttime State work for SRS. I started full-time with SRS in 1977 (approx.), then to Dept of Education, then to DISC in 1982. In between all this I did some work at Lake Shawnee (payroll, shelterhouse reservations, bookkeeping, etc.) where my husband was Director for 31 years.

2. How long have you worked for DISC? Almost 21 years since June 1, 1982 with 17 years in the present position.

3. Where was DISC located when you started? On the 11th floor of the State Office Building, it wasn't Docking State Office Building then.

4. How many different directors have you worked for? Eight altogether, the last six as their secretary. All different. It's been interesting.

5. What changes have you seen in technology over the years? Worked the first year and a half with a manual typewriter, lots of pencil pushing, new payroll systems. Started with manual typewriter to an electric typewriter, to word processing to computers that do it all if you know how to use them. I consider myself a real computer illiterate.

6. Can you describe a few memorable moments? Move from Docking State Office

Building to Landon State Office Building. Being acquainted and working with a super group of people. A very sad time with the passing of our Dee. The happy times with weddings, and babies, new mommies and daddies.

7. Personal... Where did you grow up? Marshall County, Kansas, graduating from Vermillion Rural High School.

8. How long have you been married? In some ways a long time and some ways a short time. It's been a wonderful marriage.

9. How many children... Grandchildren do you have? One son Doug who is married to Sue and they have two children Ian - 16 and Bethany 13, a daughter Kathy who is married to Heath and they have three children - Dahnika - 14, Alexis 6 and Blake 5 and a daughter Connie married to Daryl who has one son Brandon 16.

10. What are your immediate plans upon retirement? No big plans, catch up on things that I've missed over the years, spend more time with family, more time golfing and gardening and some traveling.

We all wish you well, Elna, and congratulations on your retirement.



RETIREMENTS



**Elna Ensley's
Party For
46 1/2 Years!**



**Joe Wishall
Receives His
Retirement
Letter For
30 Years Of
Service!**



**Duane
Huizenga
Retires To
Become A
Minister, After
25 Years Of
Service!**



Standardization



In an effort to standardize state government...

(Used with permission by Duncan Friend and Pat Orr)

Spring Safety

Now that winter is over, and spring is here, it's time to get out the ladders to spruce up the exterior of our homes, check gutters, paint and other tasks we normally do in spring.

Working around the house in spring is satisfying and even relaxing, but it can also be dangerous if you do not put safety first on your list of things to do. Hundreds of thousands of injuries occur each year from accidents involving electric tools, ladders and lawn mowers.

Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) provides the following statistics for spring safety:

- On average about 150,000 people make emergency room visits due to ladder mishaps each year.
- More than 75,000 people are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower injuries -

casualties of burns, dismemberment, electric shock, falls and thrown objects.

- Another 35,000 people sustain injuries from power garden tools such as trimmers, lawn edgers and pruners.

You can find tips on specific home and garden tools at the UL spring safety web site at <http://www.ul.com/seasonal/spring/index.html>.

We hope everyone has a safe and productive spring season.

